[Mr. C. P. Tarakan.]

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Director of Agriculture has recommended to the Government the promotion to the higher grade of all the present employés in that department who are subjected to such inequality of treatment, and, if so, whether it is not clear that all of them possess the same educational qualification as those in the higher grade?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Government do not accept the assumption that, in general, the initial salary of officers having the same educational qualifications in one and the same department is uniform. The pay given to a person depends on the pay of the post to which he is appointed. The same initial salary can be given only if all the appointments in the department belong to a single *cadre* having the same scale of pay.

(*b*) There is no cause for discontent as the persons are at liberty to decline the appointments offered.

(*c*) Yes. This could not be done as there were no vacancies and the Government were not prepared to create new posts for the sake of the men.

Circle Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors in the Agricultural Department.

303. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they consider it a desirable policy to appoint some Sub-Inspectors in the Agricultural Department with independent powers, while some others have been appointed under the Circle Inspectors?

(*b*) In view of the need for the introduction of uniformity in administration, will the Government be pleased either to appoint Circle Inspectors in all parts of the State and to place all the Sub-Inspectors under them or to do away with the Circle Inspectors as a class, appointing all officers with the proper educational qualifications in the same grade, with independent powers, on a salary of Rs. 50-150?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Two circles, *viz.*, Kottarakara and Alleppey, have been formed with well-defined jurisdiction and the officers in charge of these circles are given the powers of District Officers. The Sub-Inspectors who are in charge of institutions situated in other parts of the State are now directly under the control of the Director. The formation of more circles, as funds permit, will be considered.

Resolution of the Madras Agricultural Students' Union regarding Salaries in the Travancore Agricultural Department.

304. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Madras Agricultural Students' Union has passed a resolution and forwarded it to the Government praying that the scale of pay of the employés in the Travancore Agricultural Department, with proper educational qualifications, may be revised and made uniform?

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MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the affirmative.

Low Pay of Sub-Inspectors in the Agricultural Department.

305. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware if any other class of officers who have undergone such a long course of technical education is being given a salary equal to or even less than the pay that is being received by the duly qualified Sub-Inspectors of the Agricultural Department?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): There are officers in other departments who have undergone equally long course of training as these Sub-Inspectors, *e. g.*, Rangers and Deputy Rangers of the Forest Department, Sub-Assistant Surgeons of the Medical Department and Overseers and Sub-Overseers of the Public Works Department. Of these, Rangers, Sub-Assistant Surgeons and Overseers draw scales of pay slightly higher than those of the Agricultural Sub-Inspectors, while Deputy Rangers and Sub-Overseers draw lower scales of pay.

Opening of a Road from the Kuruppampadi-Kuttikkal Trace to the Periyar.

306. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to open a new road from the 1st furlong of the 2nd mile of the Kuruppampadi-Kuttikkal trace northwards up to the Periyar?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is reported that the people of the locality are not particularly anxious to have a cart road and that what they want is only a thoroughfare for the cattle to graze and for pedestrains to walk. They are not also particular that the road should go right up to the Periyar but will be satisfied if it is taken up to the 7th mile, Chalamattam-Kodanad road. In the portion of the pathway there are paddy fields to cross. If the people owning these paddy fields surrender the necessary land free of compensation, the Government might open the pathway and maintain it as a trace.

Number of Summary Suits filed by Kudiyans against Jenmies.

307. **MR. C. N. TUPPAN NAMBUTIRI** (*Jenmies*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of summary suits filed by *Kudiyans* in the several Munsiffs' Courts of the State, owing to the refusal of the *Jenmies* to accept the *Michavaram* fee for renewal of documents, and other *Jenmibhogams* due to them from the *Kudiyans* under Regulation V of 1071, even though they were presented by the latter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): A statement* containing the information required by the Member is laid on the table.

* *Vide* Appendix I—page 908.

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